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CAN STAY IN ARMY UNTIL THEY GET JOBS

Washington, Jan. 24.—To solve the problem of unemployed discharged soldiers, the war department has ordered that no man be discharged from the army against his desire until such time as he can obtain employment in civil life.

It was announced recently that orders had been telegraphed to all department and division commanders at Secretary's direction to retain all men who desire to remain temporarily in the service, without prejudice to their subsequent discharge to take employment.

PREDICTS PERIOD OF GREAT PROSPERITY

New York, Jan. 28.—Predicting that the country will "get back into its normal swing" within six months after the signing of the armistice, William B. Wilson, Secretary of Labor, declared here that the nation faces eight or ten years of "the greatest industrial activity ever known."

Mr. Wilson spoke at a luncheon given in his honor and that of United States Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, by the Lawyers' Club on the eve of the departure for France of the Department of Labor's economic mission.

While predicting prosperity, Mr. Wilson warned that labor has a reserve of money to resist any attempt to force down wages unduly. He asserted that "if we have any large period of industrial unrest there is no telling where the social upheaval will lead us."

He declared it would be hard to say whether it would lead "to a revolution such as that of the French, or of the Bolsheviks in Russia."

"Democracy is slow to remedy internal evils," he said, "slow to move forward along new lines. Yet, unless the principle of accepting the will of the majority is taken, the same condition that brought about our war with Germany will exist. That condition is autocracy. So my appeal to all people is 'get your business going and keep it going.'"

Referring to the need of tiding over a brief period of readjustment, Mr. Wilson said:

"We now have to turn our attention to the task of demobilization and re-establishing ourselves on a stable post-war basis. This will be easy if every man engaged in business in the United States will bring himself to believe that the best policy to follow is to re-establish his business on the same basis as before the war."

"In nearly all lines of industry there is a depletion of available stocks. Shelves are empty and will have to be filled to normal business weight."

"The supply of labor is not as great as men are prone to think. Because of the cessation of immigration during the war and the fact that it will be necessary to keep an army of 1,000,000 men in Europe for more than a year to come, we are about 3,000,000 persons short in our normal supply."

KUYKENDALL HAS BOUGHT MITCHELL STREET HOME

G. P. Kuykendall of Muleshoe who will soon move to Clovis has recently purchased the home of John Comer on Mitchell Street for a consideration of \$4,700.

CITY WILL SELL FIRE TEAM SATURDAY

On next Saturday afternoon the city will sell the two fire horses on the streets of Clovis to the highest bidder. The services of the horses are no longer needed on account of the city getting the auto fire wagon.

FOR SALE

The 50ft. front brick building occupied by the Mandell Dry Goods Company. Rent for \$175.00 per month. Corner lot 50x140 feet. A good investment. This will bear investigation. See W. A. Havener, Clovis, N. M. 1-23-1f

Marvin Willmon, who lives near Blackwater is seriously sick of pneumonia. At the time the News was printed his condition was very serious. His many friends hope that he will soon be fully recovered.

NOT STRONG FOR DUAL LANGUAGE PLAN

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 29.—Holding that it is the Americanization and not the Latinization of New Mexico for which the citizenship of the state should strive, Democratic members of both houses of the fourth state legislature will so doubt oppose strongly the governor's plan of compulsory teaching of Spanish in all the schools of the state. Granting that the communities in the state where Spanish is spoken largely should have teachers of dual lingual attainments, which is already the contemplation of the law, it is not felt by Democratic legislators that Spanish should be placed on an equal footing with the English language in the state's schools, where the objective it would seem from all educational points of view, is a higher degree of development of English as a commercial and educational factor. It is not through the Spanish but through the English language that the state may hope to hold its "place in the sun" among the other states of the union, according to Democratic legislators at the state capital.

ROSS DAVIS IS MARRIED IN FRANCE

Word comes that Ross Davis, one of the Clovis soldier boys has recently been married to a pretty French girl at the town where they are stationed in France. Ross was with the first quota of registered men who went from Clovis and was before his enlistment an employee of the Railways Ice Company here. As far as known he is the first New Mexico man to fall for the smiles of the pretty French lasses. A friend of the bridegroom writes in a letter to Clovis that "Ross has certainly made no mistake for his bride is a pretty French girl and is accomplished."

WAR STAMP PLEDGES MAY BE FULFILLED BY BUYING 1919 SERIES

If you were unable to complete your pledge to buy war savings stamps last year you are expected to purchase stamps of this year's series.

I am just advised by Mr. Wagner, Postmaster, that quite a good many people are cashing their War Savings Stamps. Any one who holds War Savings Stamps should not cash them if they can possibly hold them as it is unpatriotic to do so only in the event of dire necessity. Every War Saving Stamp that is cashed at this time will force the United States Government to issue that many more Bonds for sale. The Government expects to issue five or six billion dollars worth of Liberty Bonds this year aside from the War Savings Stamps that the people have bought. I therefore earnestly urge that the people of this county quit cashing their War Savings Stamps and that those who were unable to carry out their pledge during 1918 avail themselves of the opportunity to carry out that pledge during 1919. With an excellent season in the ground prospects were never better for a good crop and if it is in your power, it is your patriotic duty to carry out this pledge and I very earnestly ask that you make a special effort to do this.

ALEX SHIPLEY,
County Chairman, W. & S. Campaign.

HARRY PATTON HOLDS IMPROMPTU RECEPTION

Harry L. Patton, former attorney general, came over from his home in Clovis yesterday afternoon on business before the supreme court. He wandered into the senate chamber while the upper house was in session and he had an impromptu reception, senators and Lieutenant Governor Pankey and even the newspaper men having a smile for one of the most popular state officials in New Mexico history. As he left the chamber he remarked jovially that he was going to the "place where the attorney general's office used to be." As he said it, he found Assistant Attorney General Harry Bowman at his side. No blows were struck.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

Auto painting, Bert Curless. Phone 254.



NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING, CLOVIS, N. M., ERECTED 1918.

FARM BUREAU HAS DONE GOOD WORK

The Curry County Farm Bureau is an organization that is destined to be of great benefit to the farmers of Curry County, in fact it has already accomplished many things of great benefit to the farmers and stockmen. Many of these things were not fully appreciated because the people got the benefits without really knowing who or what organization was instrumental in bringing them about. It was last fall that the farm bureau, working in co-operation with the Clovis Mill & Elevator Company, secured needed seed wheat for this section at a time when there was none in the country and at a time when haste counted for a good deal. During the recent extremely bad weather it has been necessary to ship much hay and other feed into this county and it was the farm bureau that located this feed for the farmer and it was the same farm bureau that helped to get an extension of the half freight rate on feed that has already saved the stockmen of Curry County \$10,000 in freight alone to say nothing of the proper buying. Farmers can accomplish much for themselves by the proper organization and the News is sure that the work of the bureau will be better appreciated when thoughtful people will look back and see what it has really accomplished since its organization about a year ago.

LEGISLATOR IGNORANT OF CONSTITUTION

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 29.—That the constitution of the state means nothing to some of our legislators was admitted last Thursday when Dan Padilla, representative of Bernalillo county, indulged in a tilt with Speaker Sedillo over the reading of bills that had been introduced in Spanish. Mr. Padilla contended that the titles of the bills should be read twice in Spanish as well as in English, but the Speaker pointed out that the constitution only called for the English reading, and that the Spanish version was added merely for the convenience of those members who were ignorant of English. This ruling was responsible for the statement of the Bernalillo statesman, to the effect that "he didn't know nothin' about the constitution."

A. B. Austin and son Wallace will soon start a chicken ranch on an extensive scale on some property Mr. Austin owns on North Rencher Street in the Liebelt Addition. They plan to eventually have several hundred hens of two or three of the more important breeds. They plan to begin work on their fences and building within the next few weeks.

Hon. J. R. Hull, member of the legislature from Curry County, is spending a few days at home this week while the legislature is in recess.

Clovis Postal Receipts Show Big Increase

The receipts for the Clovis post office for the year of 1918 were \$24,300.96 which is an increase of \$6,395.08 over 1917. There has been an increase each year in the receipts of the Clovis office for the last several years and Postmaster A. B. Wagner points out that the receipts have for several years been high enough to justify free city mail delivery if Clovis had more sidewalks which the gov-

ARE STATE PASSENGER FARES ALL VELVET?

Santa Fe, Jan. 28.—All passenger fares collected by railroads in New Mexico are velvet, and reduction of the fares to three cents will not cut down the revenue, says a letter sent to Senators Fall and Jones and Congressman Walton by the state corporation commission today. The commission asks that the New Mexico representatives in congress use their influence to have the fares in this state reduced to three cents. The letter points out that if the trunk lines did not pick up a passenger in passing through the state, they could not reduce their expenses, as they are obliged to carry certain equipment in their transcontinental trains.

CONGRESS WOULD DEVISE PLAN TO START BUILDING

Washington, Jan. 29.—Early action on legislation to adjust war contract controversies was urged recently by the department of labor, in a statement showing that the labor surplus in many industrial centers had increased rapidly in the last ten days.

Plans heretofore engaged in war work were said not to be changing back to peace activities rapidly enough to hold their proper portion of labor. The cancelling of war contracts with no provision for an early financial adjustment of the manufacturers' investment in war machinery, materials and partially completed products, was blamed for plunging some concerns into a state bordering on stagnation, with no certainty as to their working capital.

"The department of labor's investigation of ways and means to stimulate building and improvements, and augment the absorption of labor in industry, disclosed these two important ways of getting results," the statement says:

"One—Legislation enabling the building and loan associations of the country to use their real estate mortgages for collateral in a system of Federal home loan banks.

"Two—Legislation to authorize immediate adjustment and payment by the government of reasonable claims growing out of the summary rescheduling of war contracts.

"The former would permit home-builders to avail themselves of almost two billion dollars in loans, the latter would provide much needed immediate capital for manufacturing."

The statement added that a proposed law on the first recommendation soon would be in congress. Legislation on the latter now is pending.

Attorney A. W. Hoekenhull made a trip to Roswell the past week on legal business.

FOR SALE—320 acres all tillable; sixty under cultivation; fair improvements; fenced, inexhaustible water, mail route, good neighbors. Box 184, Wagon Mound, N. M. 1tp

MUST WORK OR PAY SAYS OPINION

Persons who are delinquent in the payment of road tax can be compelled to report and work out the indebtedness, whether it be for one year or a longer period of time. This is the opinion of Assistant Attorney General Harry S. Bowman, given at the request of D. W. Jones, county highway superintendent of Curry county. Under the provisions of section 2077, code of 1915, Mr. Bowman states it appears to be necessary only to have given proper notice that road tax is due in order to compel payment through labor. The statute of limitations does not intervene. Mr. Bowman says also that it would be proper and legal to certify the names of the delinquents to the county treasurer, but the road board is not confined to this procedure. Superintendent Jones intends, he says, to collect delinquent road taxes for 1917 and 1918.

WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH ONLY ONE COW

(From Farwell Tribune)
At the solicitation of his neighbors, Geo. W. Clark consented to give the history of his one cow, showing what a young man may accomplish on a very small capital if he will stay with it.

On April 1, 1909, he bought at the stock yards in Kansas City a short two-year-old grade Hereford heifer, costing \$29.00, more for the purpose of transportation with an immigrant car than anything else, and on May 6th of the same year this heifer brought a heifer calf which thrived and did well, and it in turn brought three calves, and afterwards was killed by the railroad on October 4th, 1914. He kept all the increase from the start, never making any exchanges nor making any additions to the little herd by buying. He had what might be called bad luck, in that his herd was exposed to the open railroad which caused him considerable extra loss. In the nine years from April 11th, 1909 to October 25th, 1918 he had eight head of cows and calves killed by the railroad, and died, and collected damages to the amount of \$112, and has sold seven head and shipped twenty-five head of cows and calves to the Kansas City market.

Recapitulation
Cows and calves killed, died and damages collected \$112.00
7 head sold 253.50
25 head sold on market 904.00

40 \$1,270.50
At no time after this cow first came fresh was the family out of milk and butter, and while Mr. Clark did not keep an accurate account, he is very positive that for the last five years the proceeds derived from the sale of butter was not less than \$150 each year, which would be \$750, making a total of \$2,020.50 from one cow in nine years.

Mr. Clark is very positive that had he not had the misfortune of having his cows and heifers killed by the railroad he would have had at the very least fifty head of cattle to the credit of one cow. It is safe to say that in the nine years this cow never layed out more than a dozen nights from her accustomed lot.

In giving this little history Mr. Clark doesn't want anyone to go on the assumption that all one has to do to start in the cattle business is to buy a cow and turn her out on the range and get results without any effort on his part, but says that with ordinary care and attention anyone can get as good or even better results.

Now suppose that a person would start out with ten or twenty head of cows. Is it not well for the young man to consider the possibilities in this line before deserting the farm for the humdrum and uncertainties of an existence in the city?

FOR SALE

6,000 bundles of well matured maize.
4,000 bundles of kafir.
300 bushels of good corn and some heads. See Will H. Pattison, Phone 464, Clovis, N. Mex. 1-23-2tp

WILL MOVE TO CLOVIS

G. P. Kuykendall and family will soon move from Muleshoe, Texas, to Clovis and Mr. Kuykendall will be actively connected with the First National Bank. Mr. Kuykendall has been at the head of the Blackwater Valley State Bank at Muleshoe for the past several years and is a thorough banker.

BACA'S BILLS WOULD SWELL STATE TAXES

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 29.—R. S. Baca, the member from Santa Fe in the lower house of the state legislature is asking for an appropriation for everything that he or his constituents can think of. He has already introduced two bills that call for the expenditure of \$90,000 in the capital city. One is for an appropriation for an arsenal and an airplane landing stage, to be located at Santa Fe; the other calls for a like amount for the remodeling of the Santa Fe armory to be used as a state memorial for the soldiers and sailors who went from this state to the war. But his biggest raid on the state treasury came last Wednesday when he introduced another measure to provide for the building of an addition to the capitol at a cost of \$200,000 which is to be defrayed by the sale of certificates of indebtedness. This is the proposal that was defeated by the vote of the people at the last election.

CLOVIS NEEDS MORE SIDEWALKS

Postmaster A. B. Wagner is strong for sidewalks. He confidently believes that Clovis will get city mail delivery during the next twelve months if the people will put their shoulders to the wheel and build more walks. The News believes that building of more sidewalks is the most progressive step the city can take during the present year. Clovis should have several miles of sidewalks built, whether we expect to get free city mail delivery or not. One objection is put forth that possibly the financial condition of the city is such that the building of the street crossings can not be financed. This, in the opinion of the News, might be provided for by the property owners in each block, shouldering the burden of building the crossings and pro-rating the cost along the same plan as the intersections have been built in the paving of North Main Street. Certainly most any home owner would be willing to pay a small amount toward getting crossings in front of his property. The property owners might advance the money to the city for the crossings, making it in the shape of a loan which the council could repay later when the city's finances are in better condition. There is no getting around the fact that Clovis needs more sidewalks. Let's get 'em during 1919.

See the Airless Tire sold by L. S. Beckley. 1tp

Attorney C. A. Hatch returned the latter part of last week from Oklahoma where he has been for the past two weeks getting acquainted with a new little baby girl that the stork brought to his home recently. Mrs. Hatch and children expect to return to Clovis about April 1st.

The Star route mail carrier who goes to the north part of the county has been having his troubles this week he started out in his jitney and broke down near Hollone. He was unable to get a conveyance back to town and walked in. Thursday morning he started out with a truck with the hope that he may have better success.

J. A. Hazel of Roswell, one of the members of the Great Western Oil and Refining Co., of Roswell, was in Clovis for a few hours Wednesday morning enroute home from Talban where he had been looking after his company's interests there. Mr. Hazel feels that there is a good prospect for oil in the Talban country.

If you want to get clean of troubles, buy the Airless Tire for there are no blowouts, no punctures, no rim cuts, but wear, wear, wear. L. S. Beckley.